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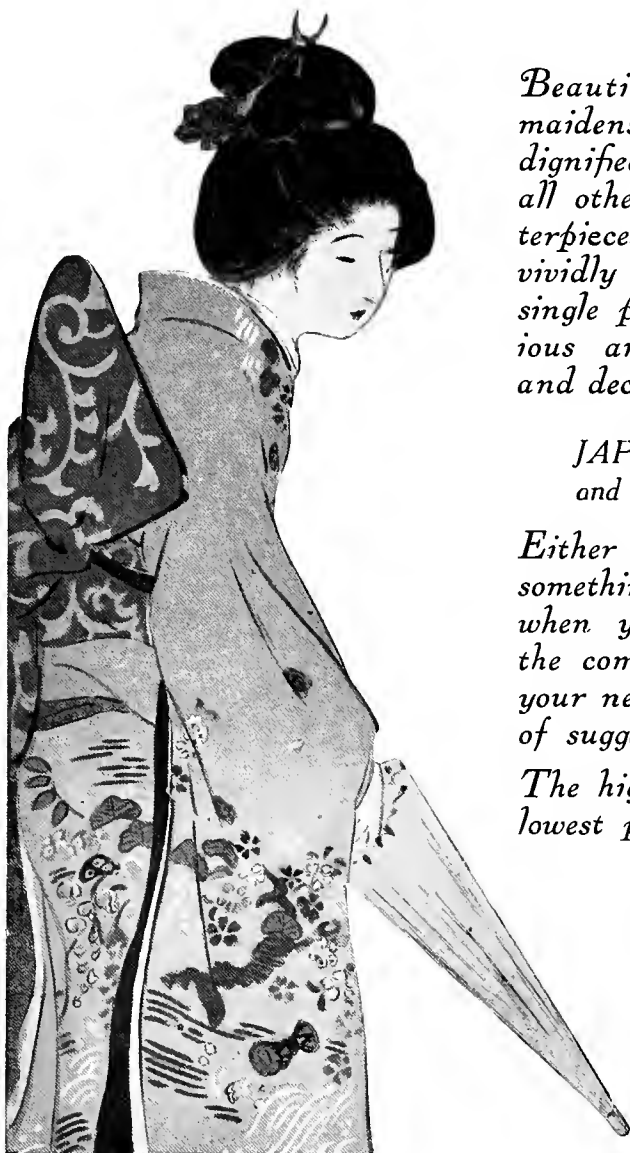
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Recording Secretary California Federation of Woman's Clubs

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General and State Federation news published in The Club Woman is official. Communications intended for either department must reach the club editor by the first day of each month in order to insure publication in the next issue of the magazine.

EDITORIAL

Chicago gets the Biennial of 1914, and the Council will meet in Washington, D. C., in 1913! A date early in April or early in May is to be selected for the council meeting.

The above interesting item, with other news only less important, comes from the General Federation Press Chairman, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke. Among California women who will serve Mrs. Pennybacker's administration in some capacity, is our own Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, who has the chairmanship of the new sub-committee on Peace in the department of education, a department of which Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum is again to be the head. Mrs. Lovell White has the sub-committee on forestry.

California's interests, with those of Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada, will be safeguarded by Mrs. C. H. McMahon, chairman of press on Mrs. Moore's board. Mrs. Moore has accepted the chairmanship of the board of trustees of the Sarah Platt Decker Endowment Fund, a position which places the matter of investing the fund in her hands and those of her associates on the board.

The California League for the Protection of Motherhood is one of the latest expressions of the Twentieth Century's humanitarian impulse.

Officers are: Honorary President, Mrs. James W. Orr; President, Lucy G. White; Vice-President, Ethel T. Tebbetts; Secretary, Estella H. Kahn; Treasurer, Frances Jolliffe.

Directors, Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. James Otis, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Gerberding, Mrs. Fremont Older, Mrs. Gertrude Atherton, Mrs. William Ingram-Kipp, Miss Frances Jolliffe.

The league is organized for the purpose of securing legislation along these lines:

1st—Forbidding the employment of working women five weeks before and five weeks after confinement.

2nd—Providing for the payment, by the State, to employed mothers, of a pension amounting to 50% of their wages, during their enforced idleness as above.

3rd—Providing for the payment to widowed mothers, or mothers of dependent children, of the pro rata per child now paid by the State to institutions for the support of such orphaned children.

4th—Affording free hospital facilities for dependent mothers and infants.

The executive board, C. F. W. C., having endorsed this measure, asks that clubs read the following explanation of the purpose and intent of the league, lending their coöperation if it meets with their approval:

The California League for the Protection of Motherhood is an organization recently organized to secure the passage of the Motherhood Pension Bill, at the next session of the Legislature.

The scope of the bill is to be as broad as consistent. It will provide for the legitimate child and its mother

as well as the illegitimate. It will allow the funds to be disbursed to the natural guardian of the child, that is the sister, aunt, etc., in cases where the child is a half orphan. These funds are to be under the supervision of a judge of the Superior Court in each county who will also see to their proper disbursement. In cases where a superior judge acts in the capacity of a juvenile judge the funds will, of course, be given out at his discretion.

A maximum sum will be fixed and the actual amount given to each individual case will be left to the discretion of the presiding judge. The one receiving these funds will be under the supervision of the probation officer and in no case will they be under the supervision of any private institution whatsoever. Another phase of our bill is to provide adequate care for the mother before and after confinement.

The Year Book of California Federation of Women's Clubs, 1912-1913, in a new dress of brown and gold and green, is received, but too late for extended review. From dainty cover, where is embossed a copy of the C. F. W. C. pin, to the last name of the last club, on next to the last page, the book reflects great credit upon the committee having the matter in hand and sets forth the business of the state federation in a manner at once succinct and dignified.

Of especial interest is a greeting from Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation. Following in order are greetings from

Mrs. Orr, reports of the retiring state board and chairmen of 1911-1912; program of the Paso Robles meeting, and the Resolutions there endorsed; suggestions for work from the state chairmen; Constitution and By-Laws, and the state directory. Scattered here and there are blank pages for pencil notes which adds to the usefulness of the compact little volume.

The Club Woman acknowledges with pleasure receipt of the September number of the Idaho Club Woman. An interesting but unsigned report of the biennial is the opening article, while farther on is a symposium on "What impressed me most at the General Federation meeting at San Francisco," written by the Idaho clubwomen who attended the convention. One of these is the state chairman of legislature, Bertha Stull Green, who has this to say about us:

"What impressed me was the amazingly wonderful energy of those California women. No effort seemed too great to put forth for the comfort and happiness of their guests. You felt as though you were being entertained, not simply by San Francisco, but by the whole state of California. I feel sorry for the city that takes the biennial next."

Attention of press chairmen and other contributors to the columns of The Club Woman, is again called to the notice appearing at the head of the editorial page. Copy positively cannot be accepted for the ensuing issue after the first day of the month.

SERVICE.

Elizabeth Baker Bohan.

If I could be a drop of rain and choose the place to fall—
At liberty to seek the rose, or lily fair and tall,
To feed the sparkling rivulet, in ocean sink to rest,
Or bless a sturdy pine upon the mountain's rugged crest.

I'd pass them by, yea, one and all, I'd pass them swiftly by
And drift out to the desert dread that hears the lost one's cry;
I'd drop upon his fevered lips, that hope might live again,
And life should leap within his veins for that small drop of rain.

FIRST LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM OF CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

Mrs. George E. Swan, State Chairman of Legislation

"If ever the time comes when women shall come together simply and purely for the good and benefit of mankind, it will be a power such as the world has never dreamed."—Matthew Arnold.

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Health Certificate for Marriage.
Joint Guardianship.
Community Property.
Compensation for Mothers.
Maternity Homes.
Psychopathic Parole Societies.
Minimum Wage for Women.
State Registration of Nurses.
Women's Building at State Fair.
Iowa Injunction and Abatement Act.
State Training Schools for Girls.
Raising Girls' Majority to 21.
Ethical, Vocational and Hygienic
Training in Public Schools.

Tuberculin Test for Dairies.

To Compel Fathers to Support Illegitimate Children.
To Enforce Laws for the Protection of Children.
Policewomen.

Federal:

Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws.
Conservation of Womanhood, Childhood, Home.
Employers' Liability and Workman's Compensation Act.
Peace Measures.

.....**REMEMBER**—To elect for your district the Senators, Representative and Assemblymen, who are thoroughly and intelligently in sympathy with the measures of our first Legislative Platform. This is the first and fundamental necessity, of success. Put all your enthusiasm into it. If you are careless or indifferent at this critical hour, no amount of tardy regret will undo the irrevocable harm.

REMEMBER—This is where and when your personal vote counts—your vote in November, not next January. Our slogan is, "Elect the right men for the Legislature of 1913."

REMEMBER—To study the Amendments to Constitution and proposed statutes to be submitted to you at the general election November 5, 1912.

Amendments to Constitution and Proposed Statutes with Arguments Respecting the Same, to be Submitted to the Electors of the State of California at the General Election Tuesday, November 5, 1912.

Dear Presidents, Officers and Members:

The above is the title of a pamphlet recently sent out from the state printing office. It is provided by law that arguments for and against a proposed constitutional amendment should be sent by the secretary of state to **each voter**, together with such constitutional amendment. I trust all clubwomen will receive and read carefully this interesting pamphlet.

We are called upon to vote on these

matters at the general election in November. If the president of every club in the state would give an afternoon, or part of a program to the study of these subjects, asking some person to be ready to read the most important parts of the amendments and the arguments for and against, it would be a satisfactory way for all clubwomen to become acquainted with the subjects, and why it has been found necessary to submit them to the voters direct.

Pursuant to the law, the secretary

of state has had printed and sent to every county clerk in California, thousands of these pamphlets for distribution among the voters. Lest the individual club woman fails to ask for one, I earnestly beg each club president to make application for a sufficient number to distribute to each and every club member. This is **most important**, and urgent. November 5 is near at hand!

Club presidents wishing the C. F. W. C. first legislative platform, and any important matter in these articles to distribute, can have them printed by their local papers, and arrange for as many reprints as they need. This is also one of the best methods for spreading the good work in your town and county.

There are five Initiative Measures: 1. Free School Books; 2. Irrigation Bonds; 3. City and County Consolidation; 4. Racing Commission; 5. Home Rule Taxation.

Referendum Measures: 1. Creating Registrar of Voters.

The arguments for and against free text books (a misnomer) is particularly one for us women to understand clearly; also this city and county consolidation, may be one which will clearly affect us now or later through our home city or town, and its annexation possibilities; while the racing commission carries its doubtful character in its name. We women who know the valiant fight waged four years ago to bring to an end the disreputable race tracks of the state, with the crimes, deaths and scandals caused by them, must not stand by and see the same awful business lifting its head in our midst again. The brave men who fought that fight deserve to have their victory upheld and made permanent by the votes of the women, and as the women of Denver elected Judge Lindsey against the corrupt influence of the political ring of Colorado so we must down this measure absolutely and without compromise.

I am glad to report the legislative work progressing finely among all clubs. I trust you have received the

proposed bill for the Girls' Training School which was sent to all district chairmen to be distributed to every federated club.

The Health Certificate for Marriage Bill is being drawn up by the state board of health, also one to deal with the freedom from disease of dairy herds. Mrs. Edson's splendid paper in the September "Club Woman" deals fully with these two bills, and should be read carefully.

Mrs. Louis Hertz, state chairman of industrial and social reform, is working diligently and wisely to frame a joint guardianship bill.

Mrs. E. S. Karns, state chairman of civil service reform, is hunting all possible information in regard to a civil service reform bill such as other states have. Will anyone who knows whether there is any men's organization in California working for civil service reform, kindly write to Mrs. E. G. Karns, Palo Alto.

The League for the Protection of Motherhood has sprung into existence in San Francisco for the one purpose of obtaining pensions for mothers; while in the south the Humane society is working along exactly the same lines. The subject is really the protection of motherhood, and includes maternity homes for respectable mothers, as well as pensions. Some social workers prefer the scholarship fund, which has done much good, while preserving the self respect of the recipient, but as the other bill seems to include greater good, it has been agreed to drop the scholarship fund as a separate benefit.

The federation endorsement of bills is made at annual meetings by all members present; also by the state executive board at its regular meetings.

The president of the Ebell club, Long Beach, writes, "I wish some copies of the cards with our legislative work for the year, to place on the table at the clubhouse."

If enough clubs desire them we will furnish them gladly. Every club-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Notwithstanding the activity of our clubwomen in the presidential campaign, with the interesting situation of three candidates in the field, the work of the federation goes briskly forward in conformity with the accepted program.

Close observation of the situation as it prevails in this state confirms the belief that our organization is strengthened by the widening interest of women. Side by side with the political activities of the hour goes on the educa-

tional and civic work, also the literary and artistic studies. No one thing seems to have lost its savor or its relish, and it may well be that the upward surge of released power is finding expression through many avenues.

At last we have come to see the truth of fellowship and to realize the efficiency of collective effort. We have heretofore magnified the private conscience. Now we have added unto that a public conscience.

In line with the central thought of

reciprocity and coöperation, San Francisco district is holding county conferences. San Mateo and Napa counties have entertained the federation guests. Eureka will entertain the Alliance of Humboldt County October 5, and San Francisco and San Jose will be the hostess cities for the clubs in their respective counties, during October. All this in preparation for the annual convention of the district in November.

I was also the guest of the Northern district board at the meeting September 19, and an interested guest, since it was a great pleasure to meet the district officers and chairmen. These are the women who carry the federation gospel to the individual clubs, and their observations and experience are of great value. Surely the Northern district enters into the spirit of the work with vigor and enthusiasm. I wish it were possible for me to have close personal relations with every district. I should learn so much faster how to fulfill the duties of my office. The personal equation is a stimulating element; it means facts, and people, rather than theories and a program.

I have received many cards of privilege since the clubs have resumed public meetings, and To-kalon, of San Francisco, made me the guest of honor at the breakfast celebrating their eighth birthday.

The following year books have been received: The Mountain View Woman's club. The Salinas Wanderers. The Bogue Literary club. Wednesday Morning club of Riverside.

Mrs. Waters kindly forwarded invitations from Maine, Minnesota and

Colorado to attend their annual state conventions. They were officially acknowledged, with a word of friendly greeting.

In the August number of the General Federation Bulletin there is a recommendation from Mrs. Philip N. Moore that the Endowment Fund be called "The Sarah Platt Decker Memorial Endowment." This seems the finest sort of tribute to pay to the life and work of Mrs. Decker. She presented such very human reasons why this fund was an immediate necessity, and surely the endowment will be paid with greater pleasure if it be dignified as a memorial to our loved leader.

If the new Year Book meets with the commendation of the clubwomen, the credit is due to the corresponding secretary, Miss Jessica Lee Briggs, who has had the entire burden of its issue. Any errors in the directory lie with the corresponding secretaries of the districts, and any errors in the text are due to the inability of the president to read the last proof before the final make-up. "The Club Woman," our ever present help in time of need, will publish such corrections in the directory as may be sent to the corresponding secretary.

A clipping from a Fresno paper gives the interesting news that the new hotel in which the state convention hopes to be housed, will be finished and furnished by November. The dates of the meeting have not yet been decided.

Cordially,

Mrs. J. W. Orr.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The regular monthly meeting of the executive board, C. F. W. C., was held in California clubhouse, September 21, Mrs. J. W. Orr in the chair. The following members were in attendance: Mesdames Orr, Goddard, Jones, Knight, Lynch, McCoy, Woodbridge, Greene, Tojetti, Walton, and Miss Briggs. Mrs. Shuman was represented by Mrs. L. E. Aubury and Mrs. Stan-

wood by Mrs. Rose Berry.

The report of the printing committee was accepted on motion of Mrs. Walton, a vote of thanks was given the Walter N. Brunt Printing Co. for gift of design on cover of Year Book. The board expressed appreciation of the efficient work of the corresponding secretary in compilation of the new year book.

The following applications for membership were accepted: Golden State Division No. 104 Grand International Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the United States and Canada; Golden Gate Auxiliary to the Railway Mail Association.

The report of conference held at the Shakespeare clubhouse, Pasadena, September 5, was read, and the following resolutions, recommended therein, were discussed and adopted.

1. We, the clubwomen of Southern California, deeply deplore the extreme fashion in women's dress at the present time and call the serious attention of the clubwomen to their personal responsibility in the matter. Our work in the interest of public morals has called our attention to this extreme.

2. We, the clubwomen of Southern California, mothers, wives and daughters, standing before the world today uplifted, dignified, endowed with the right of suffrage, do hereby thank the splendid men of our state, our fathers, husbands, sons, for the righteous gift. We solemnly announce and declare our policy and purpose to consecrate ourselves to work for purer laws, food, water, literature, pleasures and morals, marriage, lives and homes, and for all other measures conducive to best conservation, education, efficiency and happiness of children and people of our beloved commonwealth and nation.

Mrs. Goddard read report of Northern district conference held in Sacramento September 19, and called special attention to the following legislative measure, which was disapproved by all present, emphasizing the danger of the lyast clause contained therein:

"Initiative Measure to be Submitted Directly to the Electors."

"An act to prohibit book-making and pool-selling, and to provide for the appointment of a state racing commission to grant licenses for horse racing in the State of California, for a limited period, and the permitting of wagering on such races by the Paris Mutnal and

Auction Pool Systems only, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act."

Mrs. Aubury, reporting for San Francisco district, stated that Mrs. Shuman had presided at a meeting of the district executive board Sept. 5, when the program for the Santa Cruz convention was discussed; also that the council at Redwood had been well attended, and that much interest in district work was being shown.

Mrs. Lynch reported that one meeting of the Alameda district executive board had been held, where great enthusiasm was manifested by district chairmen.

Mrs. McCoy reported progress in the Northern district.

The report of Mrs. Mushet, president Los Angeles district, mentioned especially the good work done by Mrs. Hutton, chairman of music in her district.

Reports were given by following chairmen: Art, Mrs. Berry; Civics, Mrs. Woodbridge; Waterways, Mrs. Greene; Music, Mme. Tojetti; Reciprocity, Mrs. Walton.

The report of Mrs. Foster Elliott, chairman of forestry, was read, and it was suggested that the state printing office be asked to assist her in the work of issuing leaflets for distribution in public schools.

On motion of Mrs. Woodbridge, it was voted that the board endorse work of the California League for the Protection of Motherhood, and that we offer the support of the federation as far as possible.

Mrs. Orr announced that the following California women had been appointed by the General Federation: Mme. Tojetti, on Music committee; Mrs. A. E. Osborne, on Civil Service committee; Mrs. E. G. Denniston, on Resolutions committee.

On motion of Mrs. Woodbridge the board endorsed the movement of the Boundary Stone League to erect mile stones along state highways.

Mrs. E. D. Knight,
Recording Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.

San Francisco district held its executive board meeting September 6 at the Palace Hotel. Call and program were formulated for the annual meeting at Santa Cruz in November.

The interest and enthusiasm developed by officers, chairmen and members during these first weeks of the club year is most promising, and there is every assurance that the convention will be largely attended.

Watsonville Woman's club entertained with the annual breakfast September 21 at Hotel Appleton, covers being laid for one hundred and fifty. Mrs. Ella Litchfield, president of the club, presided. The district president, Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, was guest of honor.

A new line of effort, to be known as "District Councils of the County," was developed June 24 at the first executive board meeting held at Hotel Normandie in San Francisco.

September 5 San Mateo County clubs held a council at Redwood City, the Redwood City club acting as hostess. Invitations were extended to all members of the state board and chairmen, the board and chairmen of San Francisco district, and to the president of each club in the district. Outside guests were met at the train and taken in automobiles to the clubhouse where a buffet luncheon was served, followed by a reception and the council.

September 24 and 25 Napa County clubs held district councils, with interesting programs and federation talks. These were preceded by luncheons. There is certainly a wave of "get together" sweeping over San Francisco district. Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, the leading spirit in these club kinship councils, was present at both meetings with the vice president, Mrs. King, Mrs. Frank, recording secretary, Mrs. Aubrey, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Berry, art chairman, and Mrs. Burlingame, chairman of history and landmarks.

October 12 San Jose Woman's club entertains San Francisco district at another council.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

The executive board of Los Angeles district met for business and luncheon September 24, Mrs. W. C. Mushet presiding. Eighteen members were present and each reported for her committee.

The chairmen of Art, Forestry, and History and Landmarks, spoke of the need of the stereopticon in their work, and a committee was appointed to procure one.

After luncheon, the president's council was held, there being seventy-five present. The speakers of the afternoon were Mrs. Ella Westland, who brought greetings from the Southern district, of which she is president; Mrs. Calvin

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 5.—Stereopticon Exhibition by Mrs. E. S. Greene. State Chairman of Waterways.

Wednesday Morning, Nov. 6.—Opening Greetings from Saturday Afternoon club, Mrs. Robert L. Cardiff, Local Chairman.

Welcome to Delegates—Mrs. H. C. Cooper, President of Saturday Afternoon club. Response, Mrs. A. A. Fowler, San Jose. Greeting of Past Presidents, Mrs. A. E. Osborn.

Reports of District Officers.

Presidents' Council—Mrs. James W. Orr, Chairman.

Wednesday Afternoon.—Public Service Hour. Reports from Miss Partidge, Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Karns, Mrs. Hertz. Speaker to be announced.

Wednesday Evening.—Music. Greetings, Mayor of Santa Cruz; State President, Mrs. Orr; Mrs. Percy Shuman, District President.

Address—Mayor Rolph of San Francisco, "Panama Canal."

Thursday Morning—Study Club Hour.

Reports of Chairmen—Art, Mrs. Berry; Education, Mrs. Berwick; History and Landmarks, Mrs. Burlingame.

Addresses—Prof. Burke, "Montessori System in Schools;" Mrs. Frederick Colburn, "Study Club Programs."

Thursday Afternoon.—Reports of Chairmen, Club Extension, Mrs. Mary Tuttle; Press, Mrs. Norman Martin; Club House Fund, Miss Neale.

Addresses, Mrs. A. P. Black; Mrs. F. G. Sanborn, "Woman's Panama Board"; Mrs. E. G. Denniston, "Endowment Fund."

2:45.—Automobile ride. Tea served in Golf Links clubhouse.

Thursday Evening.—Mrs. Percy King, Vice President, Chairman.

Half hour music. Vocal selections, Mr. Hermans, Santa Cruz, Mrs. Black, of Napa.

Playlet, presented by members of

Saturday Afternoon club of Santa Cruz.

Friday Morning.—Reports of Chairmen—Forestry, Miss Cole; Waterways, Mrs. H. W. Jackson; Household Economics, Miss Vaile.

Address—"Home Industry."

Friday Afternoon—Social Service Hour. Reports of Chairmen—Health, Dr. Bertola; Philanthropy, Mrs. Bostwick; Legislation, Mrs. Harris Coffin.

Address—Dr. Snow.

At all meetings, three minute reports from club presidents, "How My Club Works and How It Plays."

Adjournment.

These topics are announced for discussion at the presidents' council, Wednesday morning:

Are the present boundaries of districts satisfactory?

How can we interest women in club work?

What does federation accomplish for the small club?

What is the best system for nominating club officers. Is it by the nominating committee, or by the new elective system?

What is the practical value of study?

Shall study clubs have a civic section?

Does utilitarianism take second place in the considerations of women?

What are the California statute laws relating to women and children?

"OUR ELEVENTH CONVENTION"

Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, President.

As we, who have been designated for the San Francisco district, are beginning the year's work, there is one impelling idea that stands in advance of all others in our minds. It is: to maintain the high standard of the district



MRS. PERCY L. SHUMAN
President of San Francisco District C. F. W. C.

work that has been established by our predecessors.

We are in a great wave of new thought and a diversity of interests, which is another mark of our growth and advancement. These interests must be wrought out, and tempered by judicial, patient, loving guidance.

One of our plans has been to establish district council meetings, for the clubs and by the clubs of each county. Each assembly will be through the courtesy and hospitality of the of the clubs of that county, one club acting as hostess. We have named these district councils and through these counties we hope and plan to get into closer touch with each other, thus attaining a broader outlook on the new thought of our different interests.

The first "district council," San Francisco district of the California Federation, was held September 5 at Redwood City, Redwood City Woman's club of San Mateo county essaying the part of hostess. Another council meeting will be held October 12 with the San Jose Woman's club at Hotel Vendome. San Francisco district board expects to attend these meetings as a body, and the district chairmen are requested to attend. These chairs are filled by experienced and thoroughly efficient women, as was proved by the executive board meetings held in June and July. Every chairman manifested earnestness of manner, handling her subjects with wisdom, and showing that there was no lagging of spirit in the solution of the problems before them. These

chairmen will present to you old thoughts in new ways at our district federation at Santa Cruz.

Although the election of San Francisco district took place in November, 1911, the executive board does not begin its official work until after the installation of the president at the state convention. This occurred at Paso Robles, in May, 1912, when the election of the district president was ratified and by this action she also became one of the acting vice presidents of the state board.

In January, 1912, at a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming executive boards, the very cordial invitation of the Saturday Afternoon club of Santa Cruz to hold the next annual meeting in this city was accepted.

This annual meeting promises to be a notable event full of interest, and with the great biennial spirit hovering over us still, we hope to reach a greater "District Inspiration." The call will be mailed to all clubs of the district early in October, stating accommodations and rates, which have been made especially low for the convention.

We earnestly desire that all presidents with their board and members will attend, and that each club will have its full representation of delegates present at this time: November 6, 7, and 8, Casa del Rey Hotel, Santa Cruz, for the Eleventh Convention, San Francisco district, California Federation of Women's Clubs.

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A PLEA FOR CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Mrs. E. S. Karns, State Chairman

The executive department of the Federal Government in the Civil Service substituted the merit system for the spoils system many years ago, because of the gross abuses of the spoils system.

The spoils system is the keeping of the business of the country and the civil service employees in politics. The merit system is the opposite, with life tenure of office for employees during efficiency and good behavior.

Six states and a large number of cities have civil service commissions. Massachusetts, New York and Colorado have taken the lead in educational and institutional work along civil service lines.

The principles of civil service reform have taken a firm hold on the people—only deep dyed politicians openly question their wisdom and efficiency.

The work of extending and perfecting civil service reform has been under way in the California Federation of Women's Clubs for some years with very good results. Now that California women have the ballot, their opportunity for a united and successful effort for a state civil service law is here and now. Once such a law is on the statute books, it will be the duty of club women to help enforce it. It is understood that the present administration is favorable to the passage of a civil service law at the next session of the legislature.

Men and women should arouse themselves to the great public need of throwing off the grip of the spoilsmen. It is the natural tendency of politicians

to be governed by selfish considerations rather than by the true needs of the people. Nowhere is this condition more apparent than in the educational department of the state, as illustrated by the million and a half dollar printing plant at Sacramento, and in the manufacture of text books. "The people have paid for the books twice, once by taxation and once by purchase." The recent revelations in the state printing office were notorious enough to arouse the most apathetic community to the necessity of placing state institutions under civil service. Another illustration is the case reported by a district chairman of a woman being held in an insane asylum after she was restored to reason.

This chairman requested the superintendent to let her take the woman to her home. With all the pressure the district chairman could bring to bear on the case, she could not secure the woman's release. Upon the retirement of this superintendent, the new superintendent, after investigating the case, gave the woman over to the keeping of our district chairman. The fact was that this sane woman had been detained for years in a madhouse because she was useful to the superintendent's family.

Another miscarriage of justice is in a county jail where prisoners are fed for 10 cents per day per capita. This case is a singular exception to the custom prevailing in four-fifths of the county jails of the state, where the per capita ranges from twenty-five to fifty cents per day.

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G. F. W. C. BOARD MEETING.

The second meeting of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for the term 1912-1913, was held at French Lick Springs, Indiana, September 9-13, all members being present except the second vice-president, Mrs. Blankenburg, who was detained at home by illness.

After adoption of minutes and reports of officers, Chicago was selected as the meeting place for the 1914 biennial, and Washington, D. C., for the council of 1913.

The president named the following chairmen of board committees: Finance, Mrs. Williams; Bulletin, Mrs. Blankenburg; Press, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke; Printing, Mrs. Mathewes; Badge, Mrs. Christie; Membership, Mrs. White. These appointments were all confirmed by the board. Mrs. Everett was made chairman of the biennial committee, Mrs. Sneath of the biennial program, Mrs. Andrews of the council committee, and Mrs. Reilley of the council program. Chairmen of standing committees were appointed as follows: Art, Mrs. M. F. Johnston of Richmond, Ind.; Civics, Miss Zona Gale of Wisconsin; Civil Service Reform, Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley of Pennsylvania; Conservation, Mrs. Emmons Crocker of Massachusetts; sub-committee on Forestry, Mrs. Lovell White of California; sub-committee on Waterways (chairman not named); Education, Mrs. O.

Shepard Barnum of California; sub-committee on Peace, Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of California; sub-committee on Political Science, Miss Helen Varick Boswell of New York; Household Economics, Miss Helen L. Johnson of New York; Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. Chantler of Washington; Legislation, Mrs. Horace Crowner of Iowa; Literature and Library Extension, Mrs. Frances Squire Potter, Illinois; sub-committee on Drama, Mrs. Arthur Brown of New York; sub-committee on Library, Mrs. Lutie Stearns of Wisconsin; Public Health, Mrs. S. S. Crockett of Tennessee. These committees were nearly all filled, although in some cases, their completion was left in the hands of the executive committee.

The Resolutions adopted at San Francisco were read and referred to the proper committees for execution. Various communications were read, among them one from the Friday Morning club of Los Angeles, protesting against the treatment of resolutions. A committee consisting of Mesdames Sneath, Reilley, McMahon, and Clarke, was appointed to answer this. The question of a suitable memorial to Mrs. Decker was considered, and on suggestion of Mrs. Pennybacker the board decided to recommend that the Endowment Fund of \$100,000 be converted into a memorial to Mrs. Decker, the same to be known

as the Sarah Platt Decker Memorial Endowment, and that due recognition be given to the fact that the idea of this endowment first originated with Mrs. Phillip N. Moore, sixth president of the General Federation of Clubs.

Delegates to represent the General Federation at the National Conservation Congress in Indianapolis in October, were appointed as follows: Mesdames Emma A. Fox of Michigan, Everett of Illinois, Sneath of Ohio, Christie of Montana, McWhirter and Clarke of Indiana.

The budget for the biennial period 1912-1914, was duly considered, and appropriations were made accordingly.

Board members were asked to keep in touch with the various states as follows: Mrs. Pennybacker, Texas; Mrs. Blankenburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Sneath, Ohio and Kentucky; Mrs. Keefe, Colorado, Nebraska, and Iowa; Mrs. Reilly, North and South Carolina, Florida and Georgia; Mrs. Threadgill, Oklahoma and Kansas; Mrs. McMahon, California, Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada; Mrs. Andrews, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware; Mrs. Christie, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana; Mrs. Clarke, the New England States and Indiana; Mrs. Everett, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin; Mrs. Harper, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Idaho, and Alaska; Mrs. Matthews, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas; Mrs. White, Minnesota,

North and South Dakota; Mrs. Williams, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, and the Canal Zone.

The officers and directors of the General Federation must needs be busy women, as everyone knows who has ever served on this board. Mrs. Pennybacker insists that in order to be well rounded women, they must not cut themselves off entirely from the social side of life; but how anyone can perform her duties, together with the necessary obligations resting upon her as a home-maker, and yet find time for more than a hurried glance at "the social whirl," it is impossible to understand. The fact that she is a member of the board must be taken as prima facie evidence that a hurried glance is all she desires, and it is also true that she is here because she realized that this great club movement is one of the most potent factors for good in the life of our time.

There is not time to tell of the delightful excursion to New Harmony, down in "the pocket" of Indiana, where early in the last century George Rapp first, and Robert Owen afterwards, undertook certain social experiments which have become historic. In New Harmony, we were entertained in the old Fauntleroy home, where the Minerva club was organized in September, 1859, and were greeted here by two of the founders of that club.

Grace Julian Clarke,
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PROGRAM OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. May Cheney, State Chairman of Education

Four definite pieces of work are recommended to the clubs for the fall of 1912:

1. To inform the members of the Federation and the public in general in regard to the constitutional amendment on which we must all vote on November 4, this amendment providing that free text-books be furnished to the pupils in the elementary public schools, and carrying as a rider a provision abolishing the present state board of education, and replacing it with a board provided by legislative enactment, with no safeguard of educational qualification or over-lapping terms.

2. To aid the State University in the important work of training teachers for the secondary schools by securing the passage of a bill providing for a state high school on the university campus, to be used as a training school.

3. To aid the introduction of sound teaching in personal hygiene in all our public and private schools, our University and private schools, our universities, colleges and normal schools.

4. To urge upon the directors of the Panama-Pacific Exposition the importance of an educational exhibit which will represent the whole child, and in particular which will recognize the educational and economic value of the great play and recreation movement which has grown up all over the

world in the last decade.

The first topic is important, for we shall all have to vote on it in November, and the result may decide the standing of the schools of California for many years. The amendment is nominally one to provide for supplying free text-books as cost price, as at present. The wisdom of this measure is something as to which opinions will differ. State Controller Nye estimates that it will add at once \$300,000 to the taxation of the state, and the amendment provides no check or limit on the expansion of this sum.

The text-book matter, however, is unimportant compared to the provision that has been slipped into the amendment, after having been defeated at the polls as a separate amendment. It is the proposal to destroy the present state board of education, and throw the creation of a new one into the hands of the legislature, which may decree that the members of this board shall be elected as the state superintendent of public instruction is, by popular vote, and thus throw this highest educational tribunal into politics. The legislature can not prescribe a term of over four years. That has been decided in the case of the state board of charities and corrections, whose members now hold office at the pleasure of the governor, because there was no constitutional provision for a longer term.

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The state board of education is not a body charged with the business management of the schools, like city boards of education. Its duties are specifically educational. It is the guardian of the intellectual standards of our schools. The method of selecting its members is therefore a matter of vital importance. The present ex-officio method is not ideal, but it creates a board wholly outside of politics, guarantees educationally qualified members who are familiar with school affairs, and provides a continuous board, able to study school problems, and plan and carry out policies of improvement through successive years.

It has in fact built up notably high standards for our high schools, in some respects the highest in the United States, and so recognized everywhere. To construct a satisfactory plan for organizing a more efficient state board of education would require the most

careful thought of the most experienced school people of the state, and conference with civic clubs, and men of affairs. That we should get a better system by suddenly throwing the whole matter into politics, as the Shanahan amendment proposes, seems impossible.

If the state board of education is to be reconstructed, it should be according to three strict requirements:

First, any plan proposed should keep the board entirely out of politics.

Second, it should provide for a continuous board of high educational qualifications. The Shanahan amendment promises neither of these things, and destroys the present constitutional guarantee.

Third, it should be brought before the people clearly, on its own merits, and not covertly, as a rider in an amendment dealing with another matter.

THE SHANAHAN AMENDMENT.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California, at its extraordinary session, commencing on the twenty-seventh day of November, nineteen hundred and eleven, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses of said Legislature voting in favor thereof, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that Section 7 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of California be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 7. The Legislature shall provide for the appointment or election of a state board of education, and said board shall provide, compile, or cause to be compiled, and adopt, a uniform series of text-books for use in the day and evening elementary schools throughout the state. The state board may cause such text-books, when adopted, to be printed and published by the superintendent of state printing, at the state printing office; and whenever and however such text-books may be printed and published, they shall be furnished and distributed by the state free of cost or any charge whatever, to all children attending the day and evening elementary schools of the state, under such conditions as the Legislature shall prescribe. The text-books, so adopted, shall continue in use not less than four years, without any change or alteration whatsoever which will require or necessitate the furnishing of new books to such pupils, and said state board shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law. The Legislature shall

provide for a board of education in each county in the state. The county superintendents and the county boards of education shall have control of the examination of teachers and the granting of teachers' certificates within their respective jurisdictions.

EXISTING PROVISION.

Section 7. The Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the President of the University of California and the Professor of Pedagogy therein, and the principals of the State Normal Schools shall constitute the State Board of Education, and shall compile, or cause to be compiled, and adopt a uniform series of text-books for use in the common schools throughout the State. The State Board may cause such text-books, when adopted, to be printed and published by the Superintendent of State Printing, at the State Printing Office; and when so printed and published, to be distributed and sold at the cost price of printing, publishing and distributing the same. The text-books, so adopted, shall continue in use not less than four years, without any change or alteration whatsoever which will require or necessitate the purchase of new books by such pupils, and said State Board of Education shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law. The Legislature shall provide for a Board of Education in each county in the State. The County Superintendents and the County Boards of Education shall have control of the examination of teachers and the granting of teachers' certificates within their respective jurisdictions.

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Miss Mary F. Hamilton, State Chairman Social and Industrial Conditions

The first time we heard that 8,000,000 women were wage earners in the United States we were surprised, if not shocked. It has become such an old story now, however, we do not feel the same impulse to do something about it. Yet we clubwomen, having the gift of leisure—sisters to those who earn their living—may spend our time studying their conditions far more profitably and generously than in amusing ourselves. In large cities we are often crowded on the cars by women returning from work, and we wonder—how many of them, what are their homes, and why they have to earn a living while we are provided for by others?

The report of the Bureau of Labor answers the question—"how many?"—for the larger cities and the state, but if we live in one of the smaller communities not separated in this report, we will have to take a census ourselves.

This is easily done. In a city of 10,000 we found 1,000 working girls!

Another question of interest is:

"How many children under fifteen years are working in your city?" The judge of the juvenile court of your county will tell you how many permits he has issued, and the superintendent of your schools will know the number of school certificates he has signed. If your associated charities is not carefully watching the necessity, it would be interesting for a club to see if these children's wages are really enough needed by their families to justify the children's loss of schooling. One club paid the wages of working children to their needy families, thus allowing the children to go to school.

We weep when Jean Val Jean, in *Les Miserables*, buys the stocking of little Cosette and bids her play instead of knit, but the sight of children working in real life is so common we do not pause to do more than regret it.

Hand in hand with dependent children, comes the delinquent child. How many mothers in our clubs have visited a juvenile court or a detention home—or are our mother hearts only large enough for our own flesh and blood? Do we know how many children from our own city were brought before the juvenile court this year? Does this not concern us as much as the study of "Pippa Passes," or Children's Crusade in the Middle Ages?

Vice is not confined to large cities but is fed by unoccupied minds and the misguided love of fun natural to young people. The vice commission reports that 20,000 men who come from outside the city are daily responsible for the social evil in Chicago.

Jane Addams in "A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil," says:

"The very fact that the conditions and results of the social evil lie so far away from the knowledge of good women, is largely responsible for the secrecy and hypocrisy upon which it thrives. . . . At least a promising beginning would be made toward a more effective social control, if the mass of conscientious women were once thoroughly convinced that a knowledge of local vice conditions is a matter of civic obligation, if the entire body of conventional women, simply because they held the franchise, felt constrained to inform themselves concerning the social evil throughout the cities of America. Perhaps the most innumerable

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diate result would be a change in the attitude toward prostitution on the part of elected officials, responding to that of their constituency."

Statutes show that the largest per cent of prostitutes comes from girls working in domestic service. This is the one occupation where women control the conditions, if not the supply and demand, and an intelligent investigation of local conditions would be interesting. To aid this a questionnaire has been printed for circulation, which would give us data of value if clubwomen would fill it out.

If we consider department stores, we find the best stores in the larger cities give a weekly half-holiday during the summer months, but in the smaller towns it is rarely done.

If clubwomen would take a census of the stores, asking them to close if competing stores will agree to close at the same time, an agreement might be reached and half a day be given for rest or recreation.

It is difficult to find out about sanitary conditions, rules, fines, and wages. For some reason both employer and employee will evade questions, yet it certainly is our business to know about conditions in the stores we patronize.

The Mother's club of San Diego demanded a living wage for the depart-

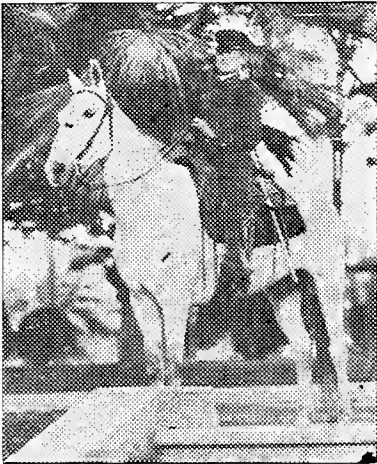
ment store clerks, and were met by the question, "What is a living wage?" The clubwomen replied: "You know, which girls are entirely and which only partially self-supporting, and pay accordingly."

The Evanston Woman's club of Illinois, at a recent meeting, voted to continue its investigation of sanitary conditions in the stores of Evanston merchants and to employ Hugh McCulloch as inspector. A "white book" listing the merchants whose establishments have been found satisfactory may be issued.

Where are the working girls of your town getting their recreation? All work and no play is not normal. In smaller towns the girls have their social life at home or in church centers, but in larger communities you will find many girls walking the streets or frequenting dance halls, or taking joy rides in autos or on motorcycles with young men.

Why should girls not have a club as well as we? Young Women's Christian Associations reach girls by forming classes, but the girls who attend are usually older and steady.

One club, the Tuesday club of Neenah, Wisconsin, having enjoyed itself for over twenty years suddenly awoke to the fact that the working



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The membership enrolled was 117 and in eighteen months 300 girls have joined, paying ten cents dues each month. The total cost to the Tuesday club is about \$900, raised by subscription. The classes are non-sectarian and reach both Protestant and Catholic.

If all our clubs of California had

Junior clubs for working girls in each community, how many lives would be broadened, both giving and receiving? It is worth while not to live to ourselves alone.

THE END OF THE ROAD.

Come away! come away! there's a frost along the marshes,

And a frozen wind that skims the shoal where it shakes the dead black water;

There's a moan across the lowland, and a wailing through the woodland

Of a dirge that sings to send us back to the arms of those that love us.

There is nothing left but ashes now where the crimson chills of autumn

Put off the summer's languor, with a touch that made us glad

For the glory that is gone from us, with a flight we cannot follow,

To the slopes of other valleys, and the sounds of other shores.

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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woman should have a copy of our first legislative platform, but at present we have not enough printed. Let us hear what you wish.

The following letter has been sent to various state organizations of women, in the hopes of centralizing work. So far the answers have been most favorable, but delay is caused by feeling that so important a matter must be taken up by the executive board of the different societies.

Upland, Cal., Sept. 7, 1912.

Mrs.

My Dear ———:

There seems to be danger of duplication and overlapping of work among the California women in their desire to secure good legislation. Already several organizations are working independently for the same measure; while other equally important measures are receiving no attention from any one. There is need of some central body where the work being done can be reported, and through which other organizations can be kept informed of what is being done, and what needs to be done, according to some definite and united plan.

Every bill needs three things:

1. To be carefully drawn up, without legal or technical flaws.
2. To have a legislator to present it.

3. To have the public thoroughly informed, educated and interested as to the need of it.

We must know that every measure has had these **three** essentials attended to before the legislature convenes. Without a clearing house—how can we **know**? Much will be left vague, and at the last moment women will be asking where is this bill and where is that with great loss of time, strength and enthusiasm. Let us apply business methods, and obtain the largest total of results possible.

Recognizing that in all things united action means strength and that all California women have a close and mutual interest in obtaining the best legislation this coming year; therefore,

The California Federation of Women's Clubs, through its chairman of legislation, invites all state organizations of women to coöperate with it in forming a central committee, or state legislative council of women, by appointing one of their number to represent them in such a council. The purpose of this body will be to prevent duplication of work and expense; to bring together experts from each society who can plan mutually for better work than would be possible alone; to decide how much legislation and what is wise to ask for; and, to see that this is being prepared by responsible organizations. Also to select a small committee to be in Sacramento during the session of the legislature to look after all interests involved in such legislation. All expense required for such

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a council must be met by the organizations forming it.

If you approve of such coöperation, will you please appoint your most efficient woman to act upon this council and send her name and address to me, as soon as possible.

Can we work by correspondence or should there be an early conference in San Francisco to find out just what is the present status of all bills and

important measures?

Please send me the names and addresses of all presidents of large organizations of women, which you think should be asked to join us in this important effort to correlate the splendid enthusiasm and activity of California women.

Very sincerely yours,
(Mrs. Geo. E.) Marion Hawley Swan,
State Ch. of Legislation, C. F. W. C.



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Hartwell, state vice president-at-large, who spoke on "The Endowment Fund of the General Federation;" Mrs. R. J. Waters, general federation state secretary, who presented her idea and ideal of what her office should stand for and set forth some of her plans for bringing clubs into closer touch; Mrs. William Baurhyte, state chairman of philanthropy, laid stress upon the importance of the work being undertaken by her committee and the degree of success already achieved, dwelling especially upon the results of the maternity cottages; Mrs. George Swan, state chairman of legislation, discussed briefly a few of the list of twenty-one measures arranged by her under the heading, "The First Legislative Platform of C. F. W. C., 1912-1913."

The need of a committee to watch legislation at the state capitol and report to the clubs, and also for information in regard to the qualifications of the candidates for office, were urged.

Mrs. Fleisher, agent for the National Child Labor Commission, was introduced, and spoke of the great necessity for national laws regulating the conditions of child labor.

tura, the club replaced the old mission cross, erected by Franciscan Friars to mark the path of El Camino Real. None of the old crosses are standing, and E. C. O. club suggests that other clubs throughout the state follow their example, until all the crosses have been replaced.

The Live Oak Woman's club of Live Oak, California, organized May 28, under the leadership of Mrs. B. F. Walton, and chose the following officers: President, Mrs. J. M. T. Francis; Vice President, Mrs. Evelyn Brill; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Stafford; Treasurer, Mrs. James Hampton; Sentinel, Mrs. Charles Schell.

Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville Monday club, and Mrs. E. B. Stanwood of Marysville, were among the speakers, and Mrs. Walter Longbotham of Sacramento was heard in a number of songs.

The Wednesday Progressive club of Gardena has invited friends to help them celebrate the opening of a new clubhouse, October 2.

Little do ye know your own Blessedness; for to travel hopefully is a better than to arrive, and the True Success is to labor.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

CLUB HISTORIES.

E. C. O. club of Ventura, named in memory of the late Ella Comstock Orr, was organized in May, 1908. The organization is not only social but has also for its object the promotion of any good work that may present.

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A PLEA FOR CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

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Many instances of the miscarriage of justice and mercy could be cited, but these three are enough to prove the point that public institutions must be taken out of politics. We surely do not need any more significant illustrations of the mire into which the spoils system has dragged office holders.

The spoils system reeks with corruption; it is guilty of the employment and retention of incompetent employees because they have a "pull."

This undermining of the democratic spirit tends to the lowering of the national moral standard of living. Public institutions should be placed under the direction of men and women experts, who will serve a life time and do honor to their profession. We believe in having women members of civil service commissions, and appointed to

positions in the civil service. With trained men and women in the institutions for the defectives and delinquents, tenderness, which is efficiency, will be the rule, and cruelties resulting from untrained service will be conditions of the past. These safeguards it is the duty of the people to throw around those who are unfitted, for one reason or another, to care for themselves, and who are public charges.

We want the merit system in force in cities, counties and state.

We close this appeal for a civil service law by quoting a paragraph from an address on "The Fundamental Reform," by Charles W. Eliot, ex-president emeritus of Harvard. President Eliot says:

"Civil service reform is the fundamental governmental reform, on the triumph of which all other reforms in American governmental administration depend."

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